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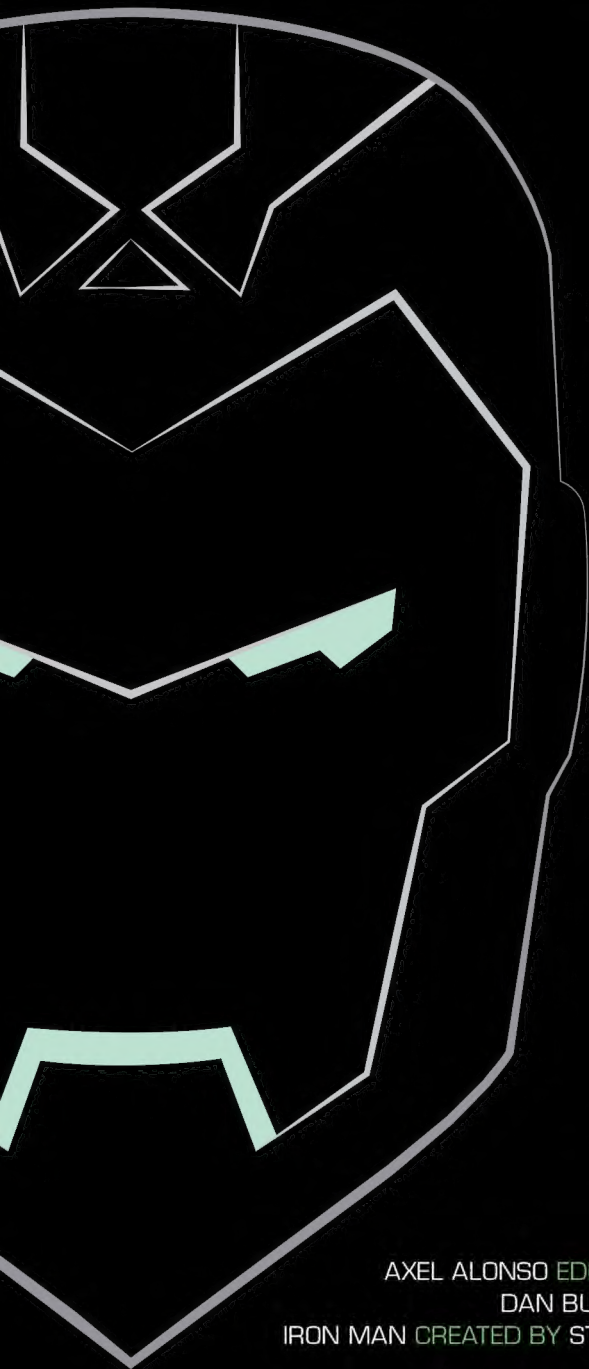


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Victor Von Doom has lived a lifetime of devious infamy as Doctor Doom—but recent events, including the sudden, almost fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark, A.K.A. Iron Man, have inspired Doom to dedicate his life to more heroic pursuits...as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

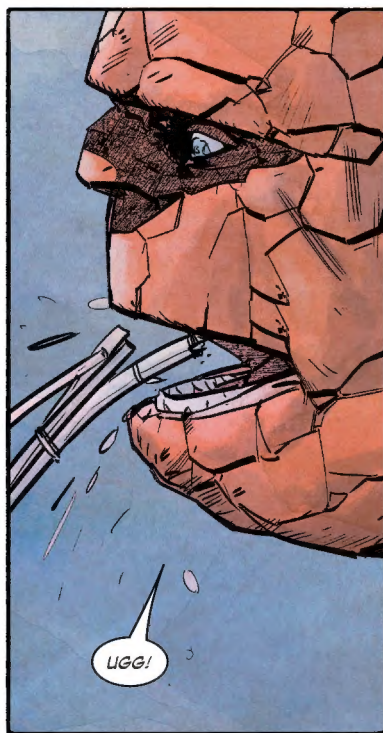
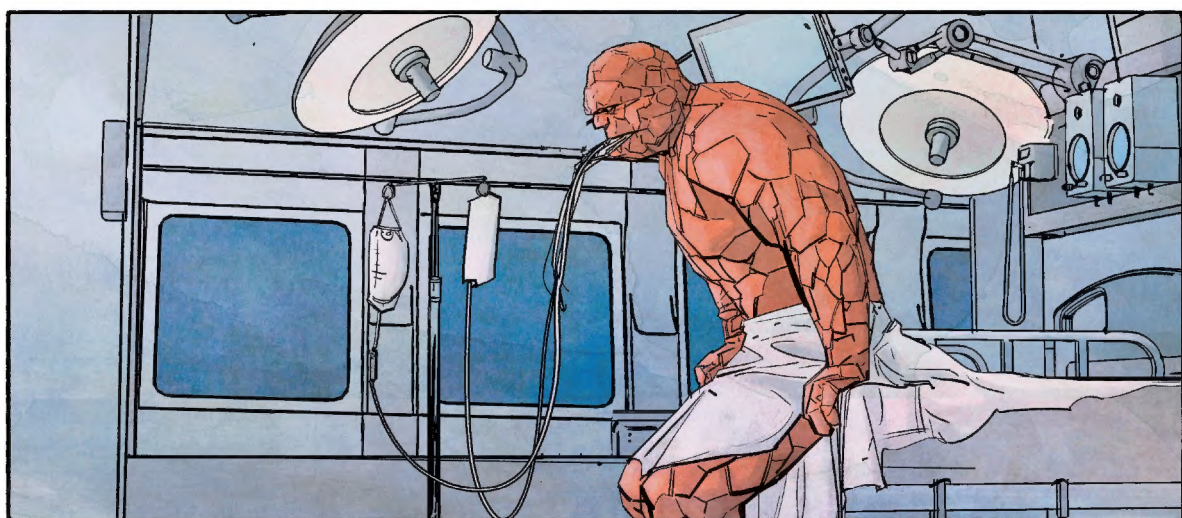
Victor's quest for redemption hasn't been easy. S.H.I.E.L.D. is actively pursuing him, and a clash between Doom and S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, left Dr. Amara Perera's apartment in ruins. Latveria has also fallen to a military regime in Doom's absence, and though he's taking steps to correct the situation, it may be too late.

Meanwhile, Grimm began to investigate Doom's abandoned castle, only to find Doom's mother, who supposedly died when Victor was a child. She attacked Grimm, but before she could destroy him entirely, Doom intervened.

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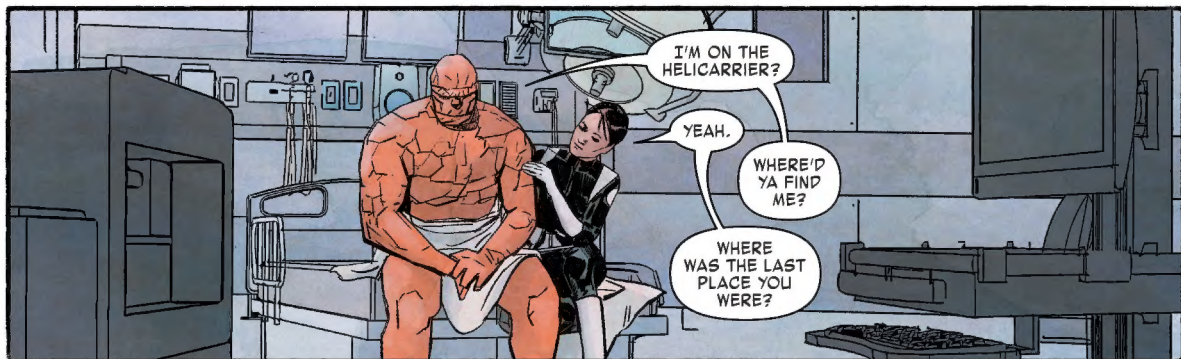




THAT
WOULD MAKE MY
JOB SO MUCH
EASIER.

DIRECTOR
HILL.

IF THIS
WAS ALL A DREAM,
MR. GRIMM, WE COULD
WAKE UP AND GO
HOME.

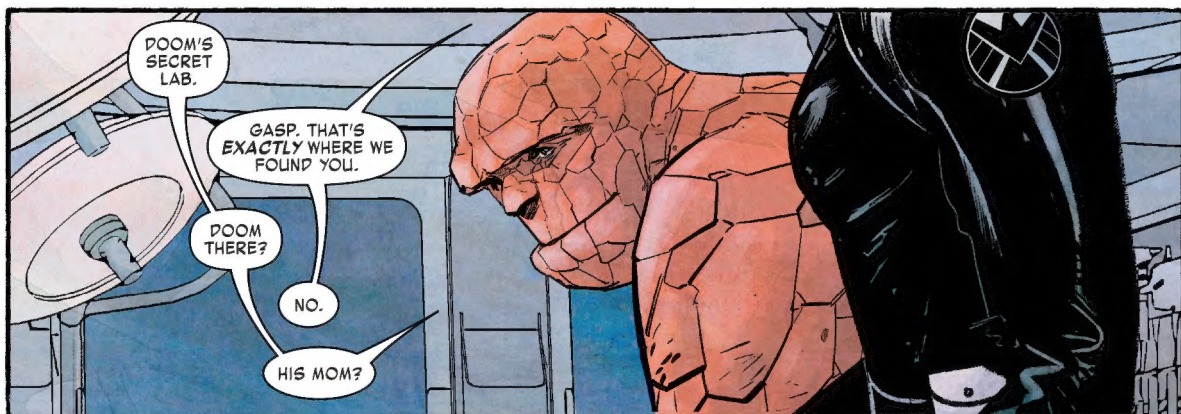


I'M ON THE
HELICARRIER?

YEAH.

WHERE'D
YA FIND
ME?

WHERE
WAS THE LAST
PLACE YOU
WERE?



DOOM'S
SECRET
LAB.

GASP. THAT'S
EXACTLY WHERE WE
FOUND YOU.

DOOM
THERE?

NO.

HIS MOM?



EXCUSE
ME?

YOU
DIDN'T SEE HIS
MOM?

DOOM
HAS A
MOM?

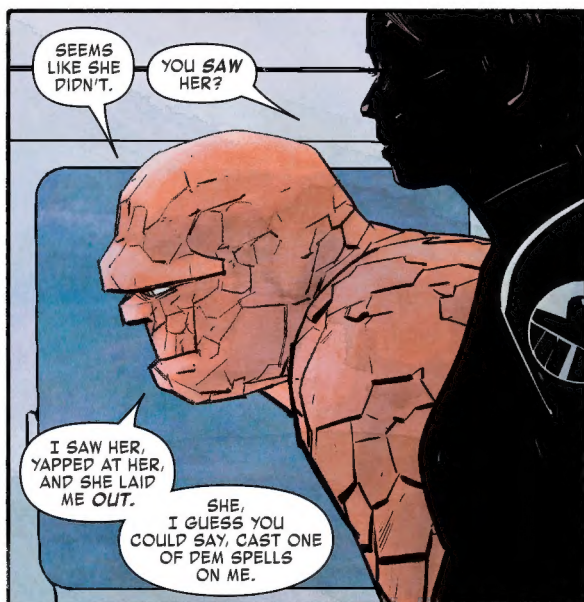
EVERYONE
HAS A MOM.



I
HONESTLY
DIDN'T THINK
HE--OH.

OKAY.

IT SAYS
HERE SHE DIED
WHEN HE WAS
A KID.



SEEMS
LIKE SHE
DIDN'T.

YOU SAW
HER?

I SAW HER,
YAPPED AT HER,
AND SHE LAID
ME OUT.

SHE,
I GUESS YOU
COULD SAY, CAST ONE
OF DEM SPELLS
ON ME.



CAST A
SPELL? LIKE YOU
FELL IN LOVE WITH
HER?

NO. "SPELL"
AS IN: LIKE MOMMY,
LIKE SON.

BUT SHE
WAS EASY ON PA
EYEBALLS.



THOUGHT
SHE PULLED ALL'A
MY ROCKS OFF
ME AND--

NO.

THESE COME
OFF?

BUT SHE
MADE THEM
FALL OFF?



GUESS
SHE MADE
ME THINK I WAS
FALLIN' APART
AND THEN...

YEAH, GET
TO THE "AND
THEN..."

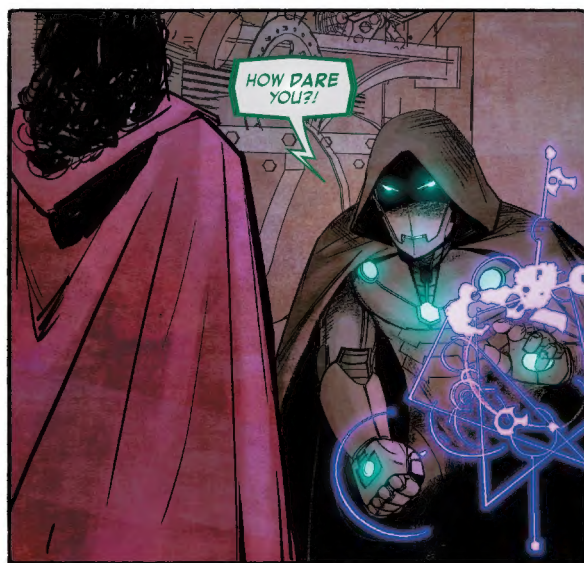
AND THEN
HE SHOWED
UP AND--OH,
NO.



WHAT?



POOM
SAVED MY
LIFE.



FAASSHHOOO



VICTOR.
PLEASE.

"SO I KNOW A LITTLE
SOMETHIN' ABOUT
DOOM AND HIS MOMMY.

"THE STORY GOES SHE
WAS A WITCH OR SOMETHING
OR OTHER LIVIN' IN THE WOODS
WITH THE REST OF THE WITCHES
WHEN SHE DIED.

"YEAH, DIED.

"SHE'S
SUPPOSED TO
BE LONG DEAD.

"BUT THERE
SHE WAS.

"SURE, I WAS
CONFUSED BY IT,
BUT YOU SHOULD'A
SEEN DOOM...



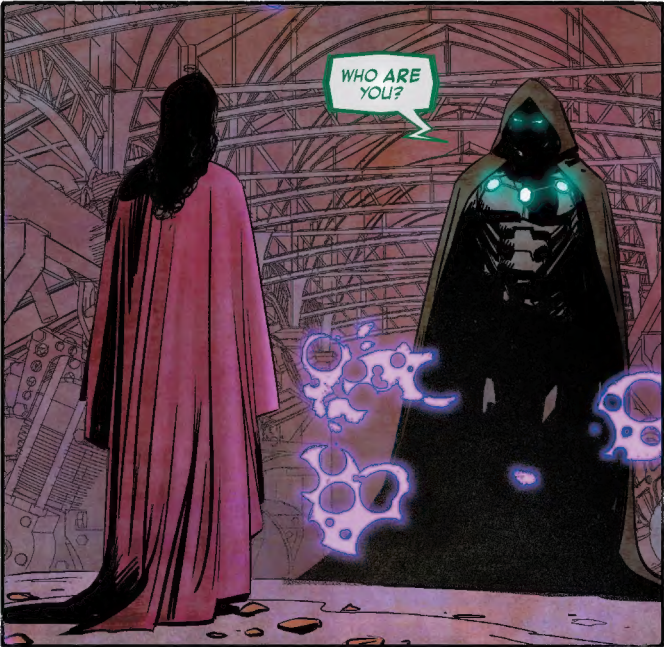


"DOOM WAS..."

"...NOT HAPPY TO SEE HER."



VICTOR.
STOP THIS.



WHO ARE YOU?



SCAN ME WITH YOUR ARMOR...

DO YOUR X-RAYS AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU CAN DO...

USE THE IDENTITY SPELL OF THE GANMATOTER.

TEST MY HEARTBEAT, MY VOICE, TO SEE IF I AM LYING.



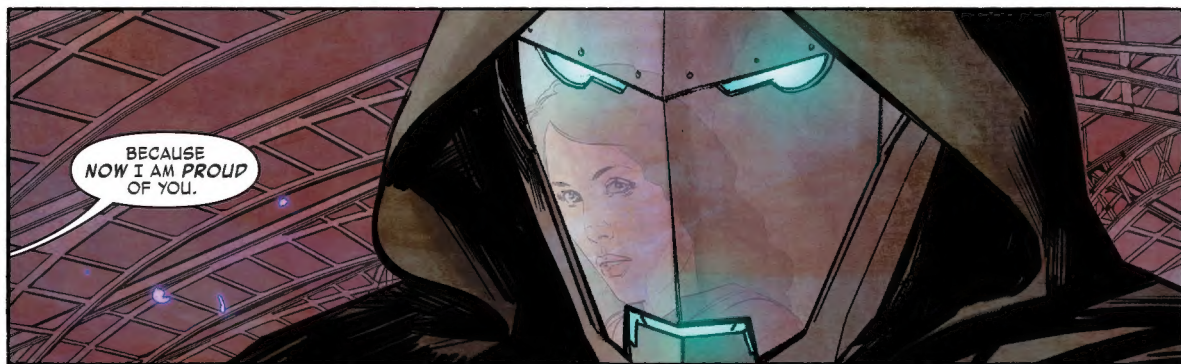
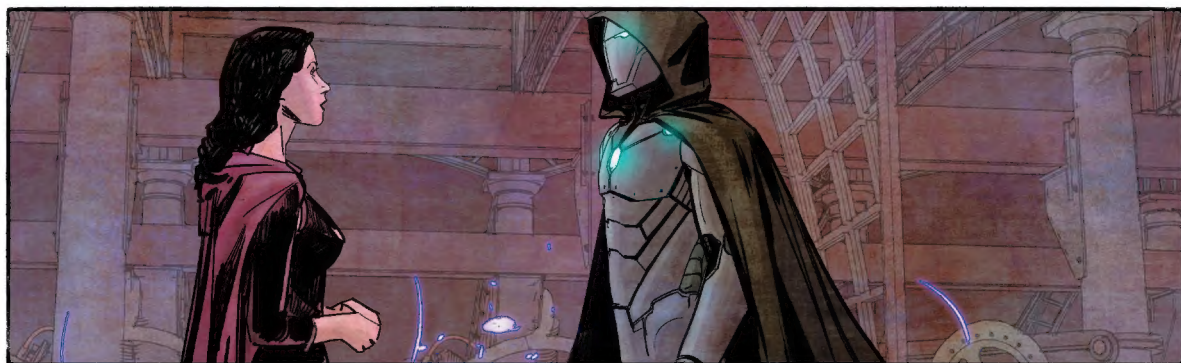
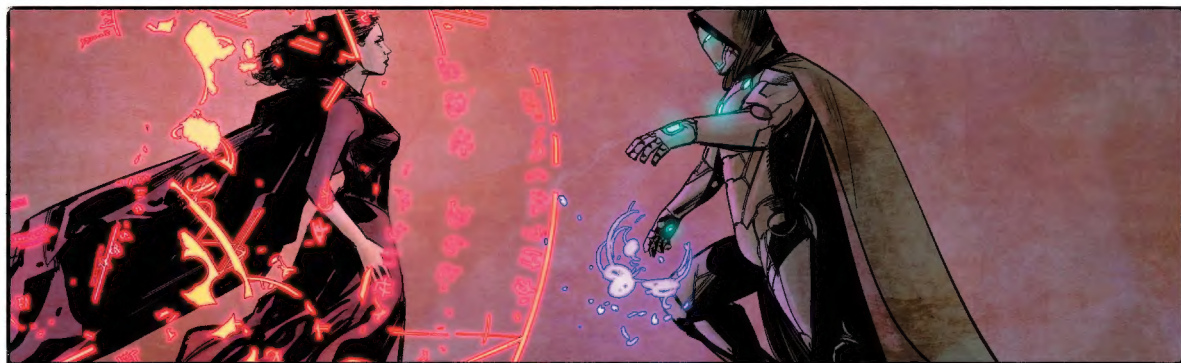
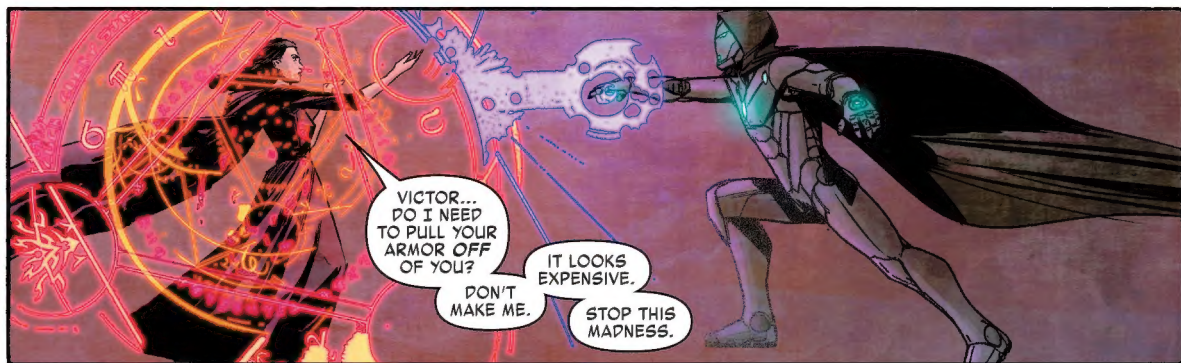
I KNOW THIS IS A LOT TO TAKE IN, VICTOR, AND THERE IS A LOT TO EXPLAIN...

...BUT IT IS ME.

IT IS YOUR MOTHER.



MY.
MOTHER.
HAS.
PASSED!





YOU WERE "DOCTOR DOOM."

UP UNTIL RECENTLY YOU FILLED ME WITH--I'M SORRY, BUT--GREAT SHAME.



EVERY TIME YOU FOUGHT OR RAGED ON THIS WORLD...

...I WANTED TO SCREAM: YOU'RE **BETTER** THAN THIS.



YOU ARE A KING.

YOU ARE A WARRIOR.

YOU ARE A MAN OF HIGH SCIENCE.

AND, FRANKLY, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE **SORCERER SUPREME** OF THIS REALM.

I'M NOT CONVINCED I'M NOT.

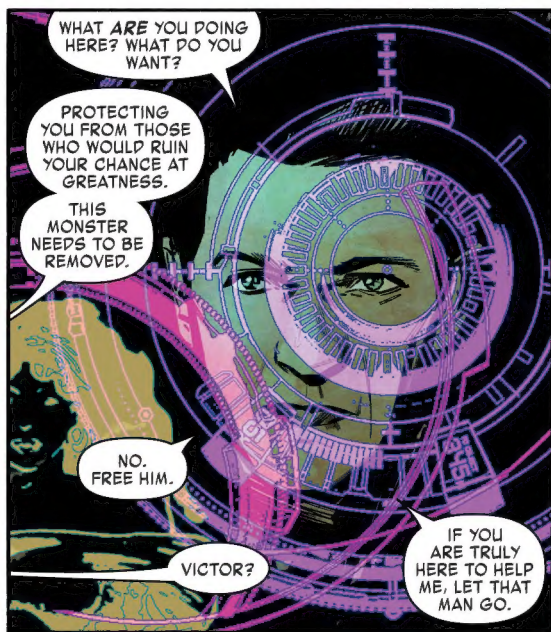


BUT NOW...NOW YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR PATH AS A MAN OF HONOR.

YOU'RE TRYING.

AND THIS NEW YOU-- THIS IS--

--THIS IS ALMOST MORE THAN I COULD HAVE HOPED FOR.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

PROTECTING YOU FROM THOSE WHO WOULD RUIN YOUR CHANCE AT GREATNESS.

THIS MONSTER NEEDS TO BE REMOVED.

NO. FREE HIM.

VICTOR?

IF YOU ARE TRULY HERE TO HELP ME, LET THAT MAN GO.





AS YOU WISH.



I CONFESS, VICTOR, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD LET THIS "THING" STAND IN YOUR WAY.

ALL HE IS GOING TO DO IS CHASE YOU UNTIL--

ENOUGH!



I'M SORRY.

I KNOW THIS IS A BIT MUCH.

THIS WASN'T HOW I HAD HOPED THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

YOU CAUGHT ME ACTING ON YOUR BEHALF. I WASN'T READY TO CONFRONT YOU--



IF I SHAMED YOU ALL THESE YEARS, WHY WOULDN'T YOU TELL ME?

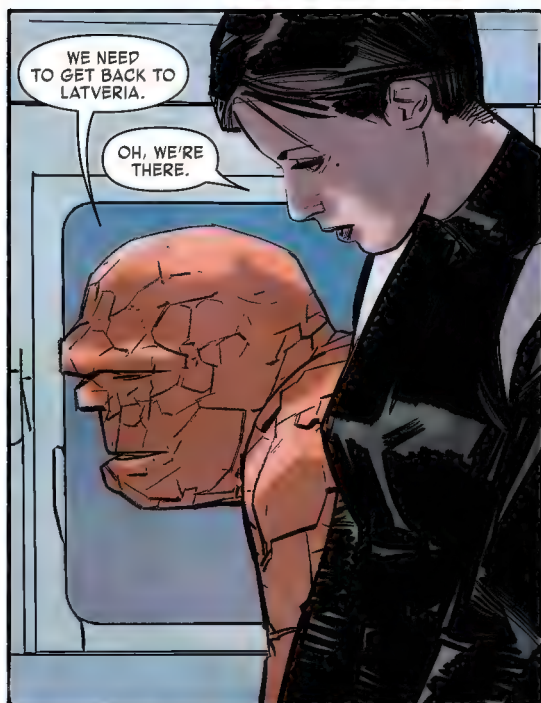
WHY WOULDN'T YOU TRY AND STOP ME?

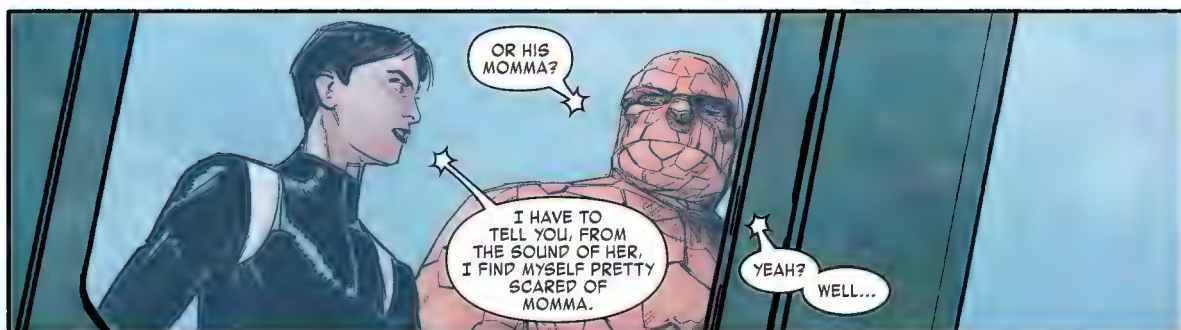
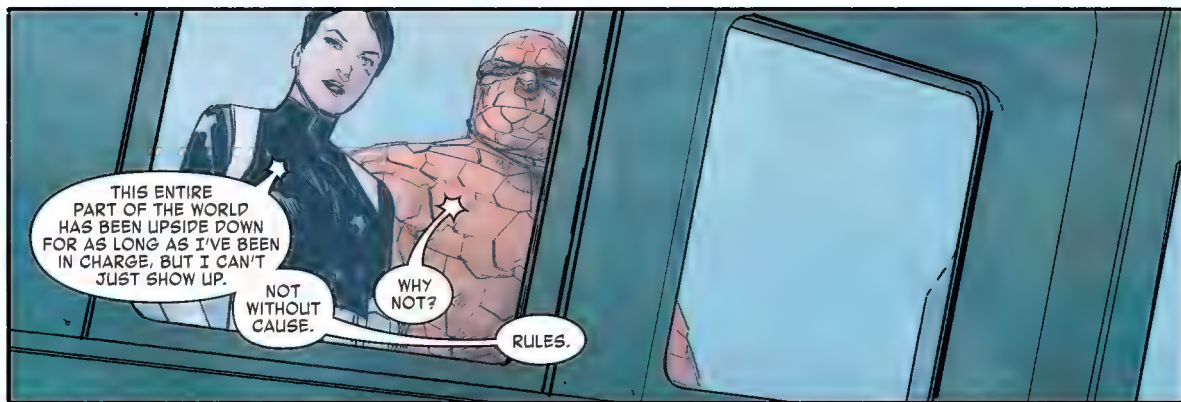
BECAUSE...



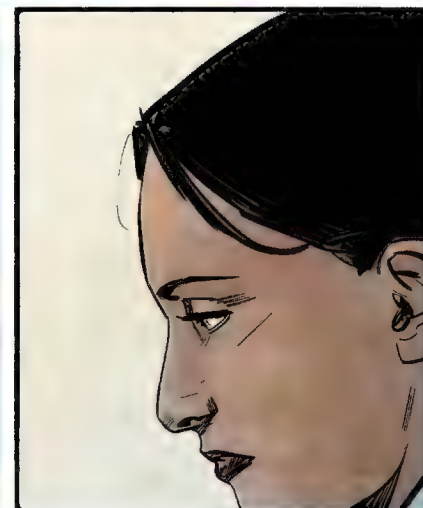
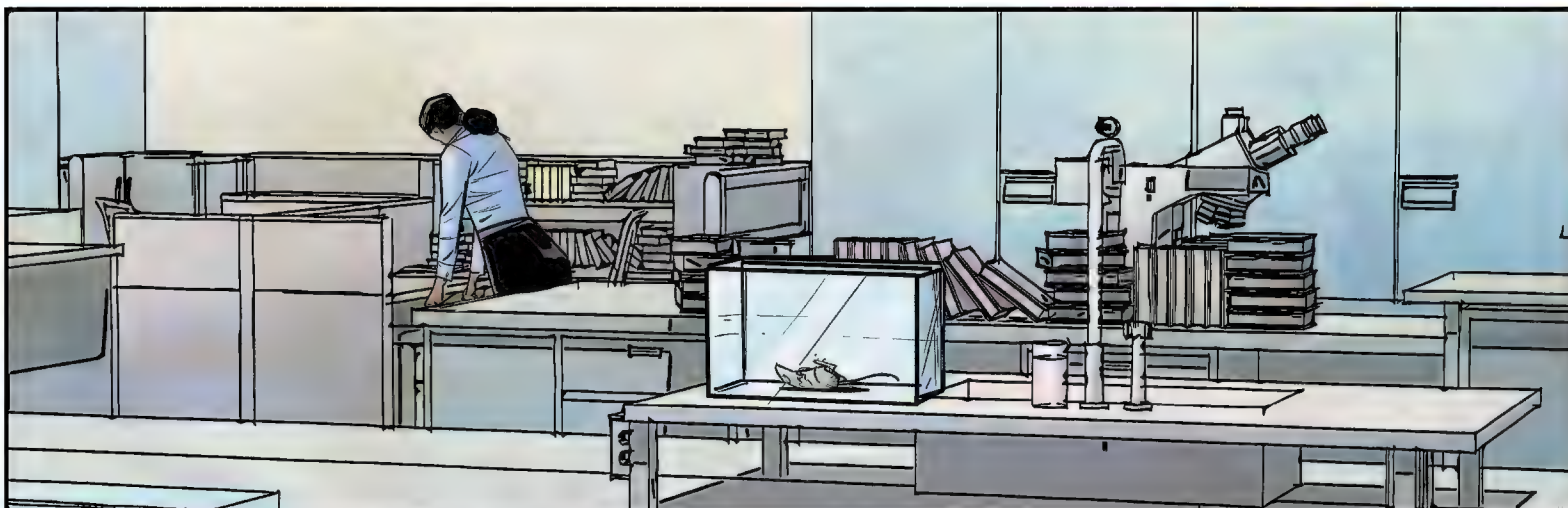
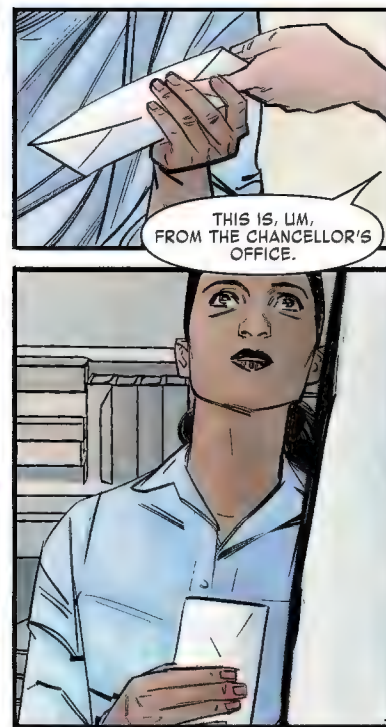
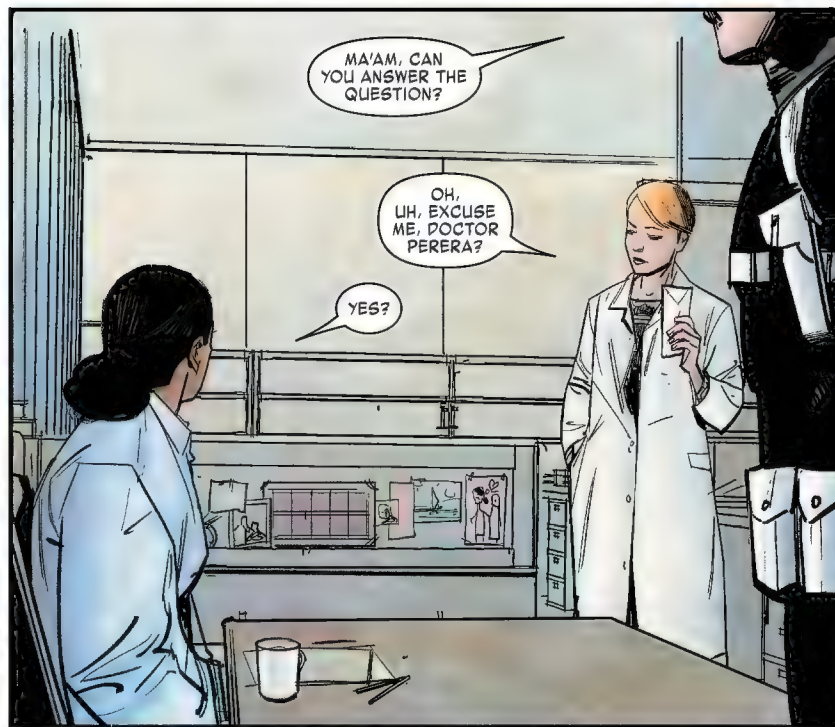
"PAMMIT.

"ALL TO HELL."



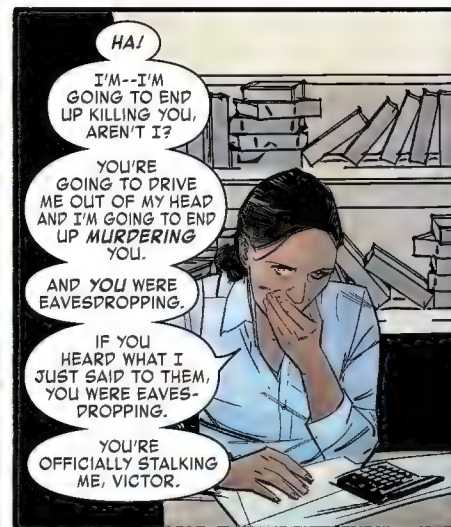








THANK YOU FOR NOT SHARING THE DETAILS OF OUR INTERACTIONS WITH THOSE--THOSE LACKEYS.



HA!

I'M--I'M GOING TO END UP KILLING YOU, AREN'T I?

YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE ME OUT OF MY HEAD AND I'M GOING TO END UP MURDERING YOU.

AND YOU WERE EAVESDROPPING.

IF YOU HEARD WHAT I JUST SAID TO THEM, YOU WERE EAVESDROPPING.

YOU'RE OFFICIALLY STALKING ME, VICTOR.



I'M NOT.

I JUST DON'T HAVE A PHONE.



GO HOME.



I MET MY MOTHER TODAY.
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I WAS A YOUNG MAN.



VICTOR... GO AWAY.

I'M SOMEHOW NOT SURE WHAT'S REAL ANYMORE.

I KNOW THE FEELING.



I AM SORRY I HAVE BROUGHT TURMOIL TO YOUR LIFE.

I TRULY AM.

I PROMISE MY INTENTIONS WERE OTHERWISE.

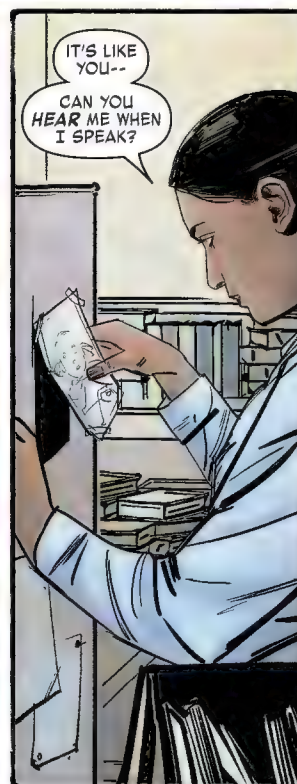
I'LL FIX THIS.



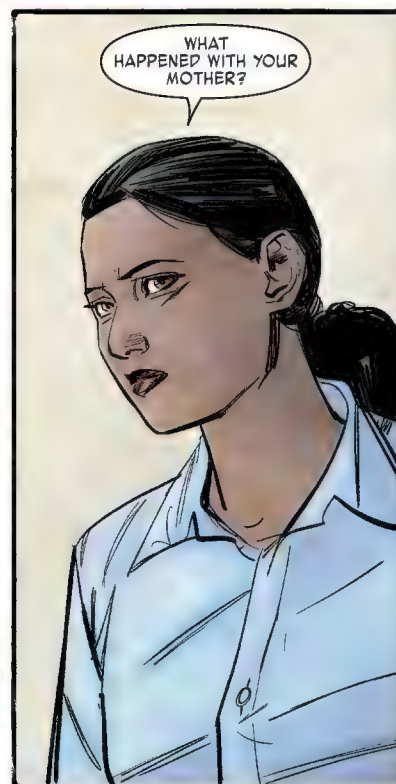
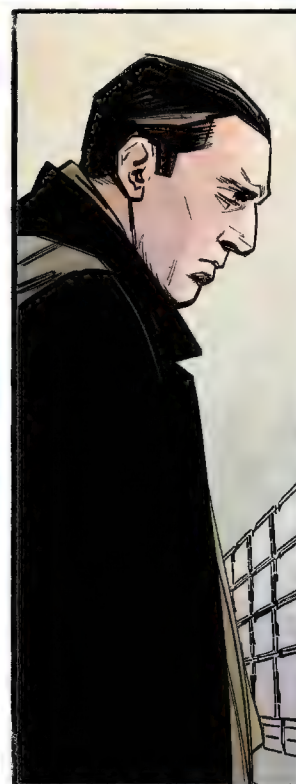
DON'T.



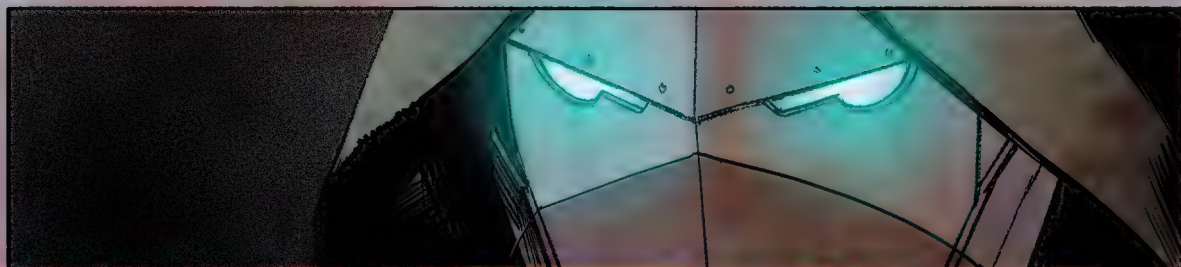
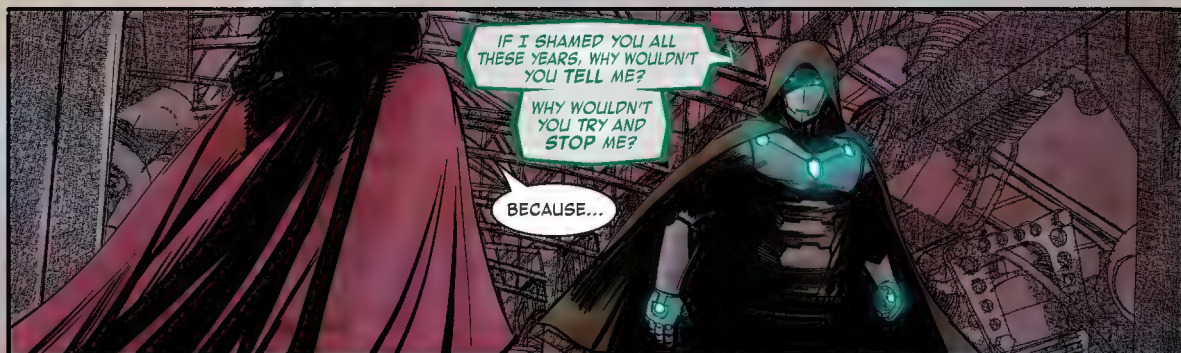
I WILL. I PROMISE.

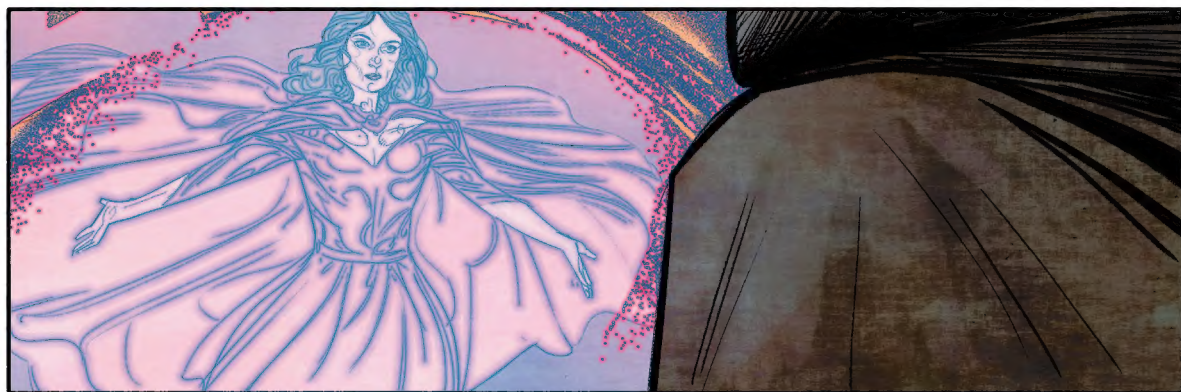
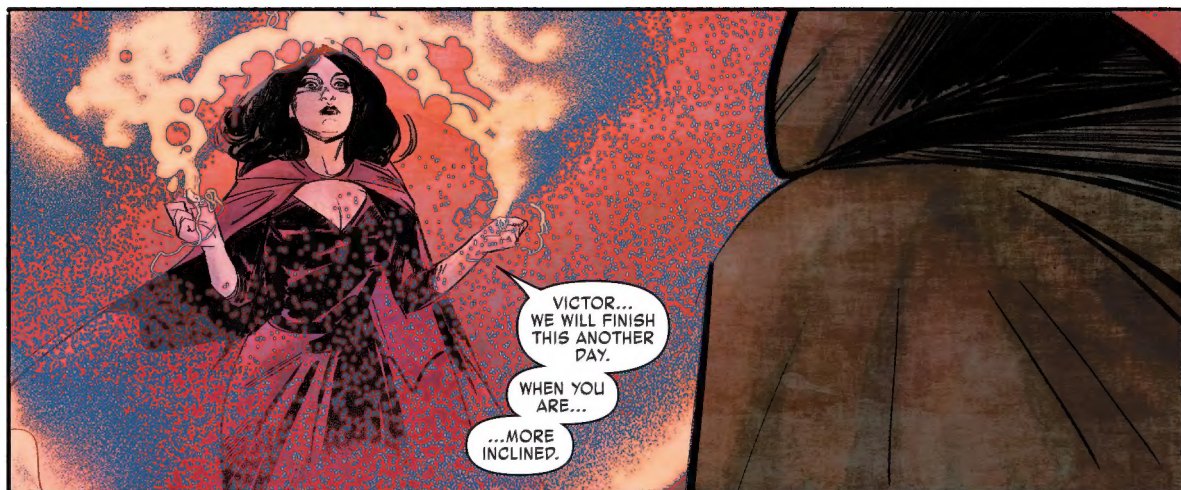


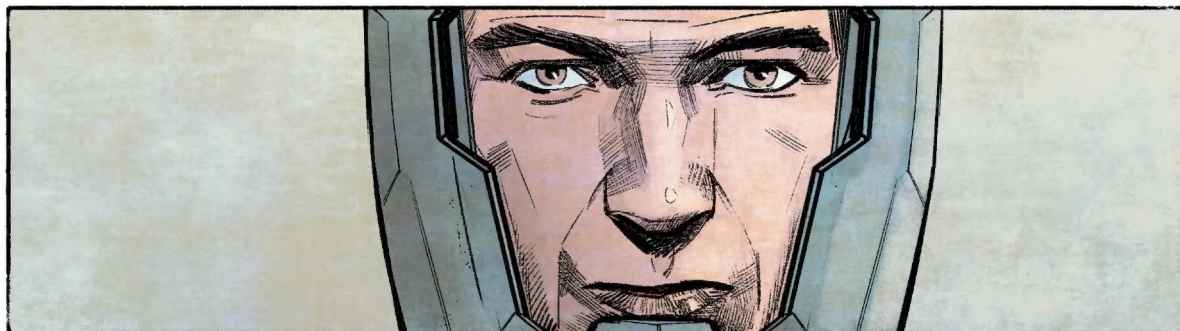
IT'S LIKE YOU--
CAN YOU HEAR ME WHEN I SPEAK?



WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR MOTHER?

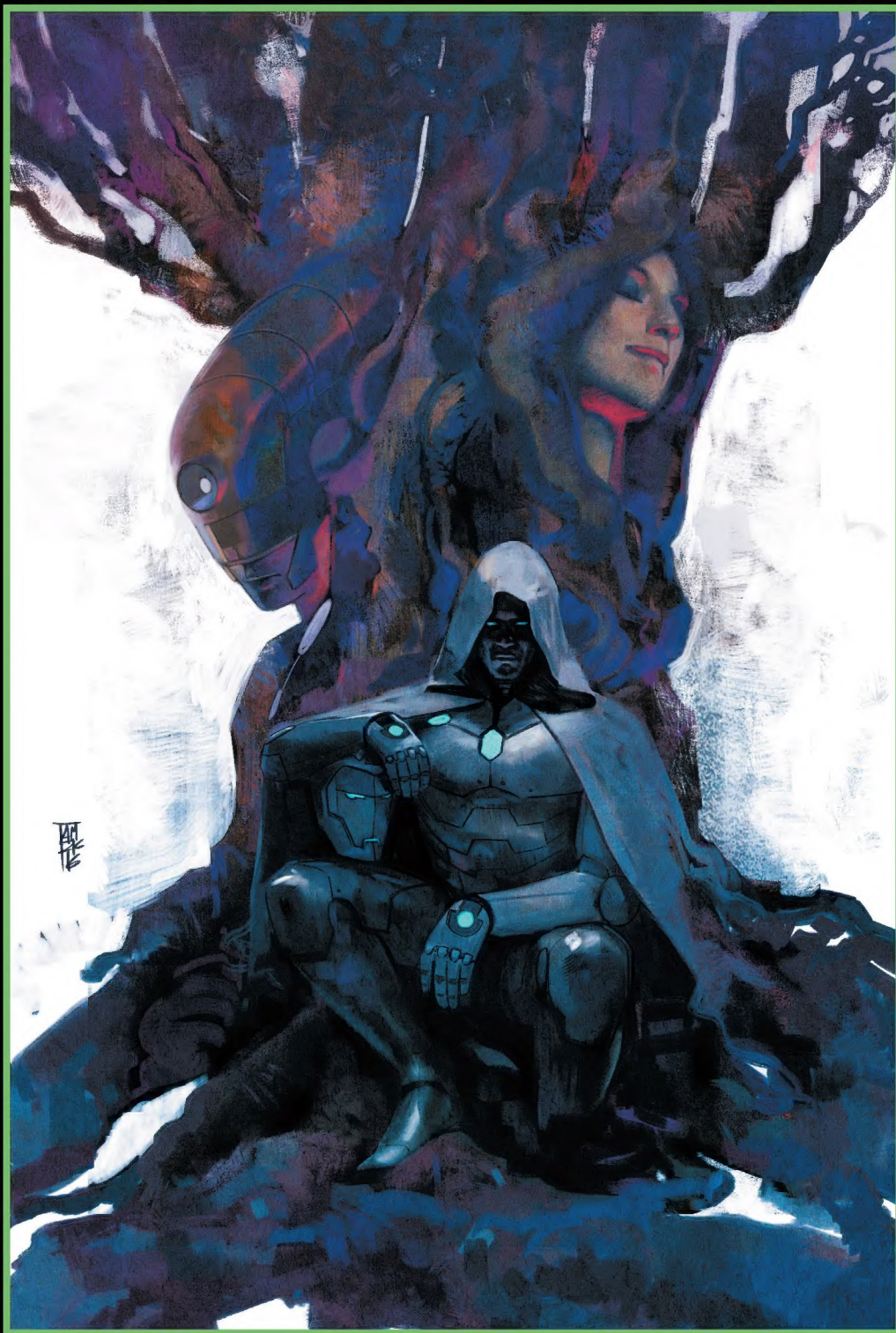








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